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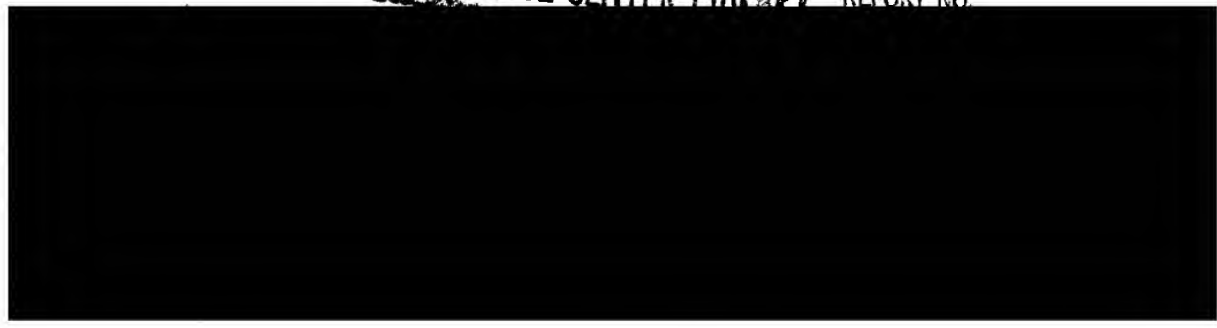
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1. Artillery shells and bombs are assembled and finished at the Russian-operated prison camp in the Buchholz Forest. Most of the materials come from the USSR.
 2. A launching site for V-weapons is being constructed near the branch railway line which runs into the above-mentioned labor camp. The installation is said to be entirely underground.
 3. At the edge of the Buchholz Forest, opposite Zippendorf, along the Conrade road, some anti-aircraft installations were in the process of construction during March 1948. Many trees were cut down or trimmed to clear the line of fire.
 4. Key to the attached sketch of Buchholz Forest installations:
 1. Russian barracks
 2. Earthen bunkers with a capacity of seventy to eighty tanks
 3. Twelve small Russian barracks housing Russian guard personnel
 4. Former Wehrmacht supply depot; now a Russian repair shop equipped with large cranes, etc.
 5. Underground ammunition depot with bunkers planted over with small trees
 6. Railway siding leading to the labor camp
 7. Unfinished German tank factory which formerly produced bombs, grenades, and tank parts
 8. Schwerin prison camp, housing 4,000 prisoners; former Luftwaffe depot
 9. Road to main entrance to camp
 10. Artillery range; Russians conduct target practice here with old tanks
- ★ Kilometer mark--six km to Schwerin.

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